(ii) *re : Stoppage of Medical facilities to residents of T.B. Dam Area.*

Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the proposed stoppage of medical facilities to the residents of Tungabhadra dam area by Tungabhadra Board with effect from 31st March 1974.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—Madam, in reply I make the following statement on behalf of the Chief Minister. At the time of commencement of Tungabhadra Project a Dispensary for the benefit of the Tungabhadra Board employees and workers of the Project was started and has been continued from time to time. The hospital has been maintained at the cost of the Board. Subsequently in the Tungabhadra Project area a few Industrial concerns like Tungabhadra Steel Products, Fish Net making plant and Hydro Electric Scheme have been established. The workers and employees of these Industrial concerns have to receive medical facilities under the E.S.I. Scheme.

Consequent on the opening of an E.S.I. Hospital at Tungabhadra Dam, the factory workers of the Tungabhadra Hydro Electric Scheme, Fish Net Making Plant, workers of the Tungabhadra Steel Products and their families who were getting free treatment from the Tungabhadra Project Hospital had to obtain necessary treatment from the E.S.I. Hospital. This subject was discussed in the meeting of the Tungabhadra Board held at Hydrabad on 15th February 1973 and it was decided, that in order to ensure that the factory workers and others coming under the E.S.I. Scheme obtain medical treatment from the E.S.I. Hospital alone and the benefits of medical facilities in Tungabhadra Project Hospital are not abused, identity cards be introduced to workers and officials going to Tungabhadra Board Project Hospital. The identity cards have been issued with effect from 10th July 1973.

With the introduction of these identity cards persons residing at the Tungabhadra Dam site who are not employees of the Tungabhadra Board or the State Government, who were so far obtaining necessary medical treatment from the Project Hospital have been denied necessary medical aid. The Project Hospital is essentially run for the benefit of the Project officials, Officers and workers engaged in the construction work of the Project. The Tungabhadra Project has come to a maintenance stage. As such the medical facilities will be only for the staff of the Tungabhadra Board and Karnataka Government stationed at Tungabhadra Dam and the cost shared by the Karnataka and Andhra Governments.

(SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA)

The Tungabhadra Board was therefore, requested to continue the medical facilities to others till the State Government is able to take a final decision about providing alternative medical facilities for such of these persons who are not employees of the Board or of the State Govrnment. They have extended the facilities upto 31st March 1974.

The Secretary, Tungabhadra Board has been requested to continue the medical facilities even beyond 31st March 1974.

Message of thanks from the Governor
Announcement

MADAM SPEAKER.—I have receieved a message from the Governor which reads as follows :

> "To the Members of the Legislative Assembly, I have received with great satisfaction the expression of your thanks for the speech with which I opened the First Session 1974 of the Karnataka Legislature."

Student's Agitation at Gujarat

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ (ತೀರ್ಥಹಳ್ಳಿ).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಗುಜರಾತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬ್ರಷ್ಟಾಚಾರದ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಜಾಪ್ರಭುತ್ವದ ಉಳುವಿಗಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಯುವಜನರು ಹಾಗೂ ಜನತೆ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಹೋರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಗುಜರಾತು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭಿನಂದಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಈ ಸಭೆ ನಿರ್ಣಯ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇದು ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟದ್ದು ಮತ್ತು ನಮಗೂ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟದ್ದು. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಬಿಹಾರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು.

Bye-elections at Mysore and arrest of students

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ (ಸಾಗರ).—ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಅಧಿವೇಶನ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮನೆ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ, ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲೆದು ಈಗ ತಲೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೈ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡು ವಾಪಸು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ರಾಜೀನಾಮೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ತಾವು ಆದರೂ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಹೇಳಬೇಕು. ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಗೌರವ ಉಳಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದರೆ ರಾಜೀನಾಮೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಜನ ಅವರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮುಂದುವರಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನೇನೂ ಆಧಾರವಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅದನ್ನು ಪ್ರಜಾಸತ್ತಾತ್ಮಕ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜಪೇಟೆಯ ಜನ ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಗುಜರಾತನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅನುಸರಿಸುವ ಕಾಲ ಬಹಳ ದೂರ ಇಲ್ಲ ಗುಜರಾತಿನ ಜನತೆಯನ್ನು ಅಭಿನಂದಿಸಬೇಕಾದುದು ಅತ್ಯವಶ್ಯಕ. ಬಿಹಾರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಕೂಡ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕಾದುದು ಅತ್ಯವಶ್ಯಕ. ಬಿಹಾರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆದ ಹಾಗೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಜನರು ಅವರಿಗೆ ತಕ್ಕ ಬುದ್ಧಿಯನ್ನು ಕಲಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ